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Staff meeting.

John Snyder called me this morning to ascertain our advice on the request by Iran to draw about $8,000,000 from the International Monetary Fund. I asked if he could put this off until next week and, after discussing it with Harold Linder, arranged for Harold to get a Departmental position.

Graham Martin came to [redacted] say goodbye.

I had a talk with Jake Beam, who is going as Minister to Moscow.

Bill Pawley visited me, and talked about his recent trip to India.

This afternoon Ganson Purcell, of the U. S. Committee on German Corporate Dollar Bonds, told Messrs. Linder, Riddleberger, Robinson and myself about his Committee's activities and future plans.

Messrs. Linder, Schaetzel and Sohm discussed pending economic problems.

The Bolivian Ambassador called and explained what was going on in his country, and I said [redacted] we hoped and expected [redacted] good relations between our two countries would continue, that Bolivia would safeguard the legitimate rights of American stockholders in the nationalized mining enterprises, but [redacted] we could not contemplate making long-term purchase arrangements for tin without consultation with the new Administration.

Today, General Eisenhower announced the designation of Governor Stassen as Director of Mutual Security, of George Humphrey of Cleveland as Secretary of the Treasury, and of Herbert Brownell as Attorney General.

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George had told me on the telephone yesterday [redacted] I would be reading about him in a few days and this was it.

I talked to Eddie Miller and Tom Mann about rumors of revolution in Guatemala.

Tonight, I attended the annual dinner of the Washington Chapter of the Confrerie des Chevaliers du Tastevin. We had a wonderful evening and a marvelous dinner cooked by the Westchester French chef, who has been here about 3-1/2 years. He came in after dinner and made a speech which was followed by a round, or rather rounds, of other speeches by the fifteen men present. We drank champagne before dinner [redacted] then had Batard Montrachat 1947, Chateau Gruaud Larose 1921, Richebourg (Domaine de la Romanée - Conti) 1942 and Port 1906 by a bottler whose firm is unknown to me. The food was consommé, flounder cardinal, guinea hen, excellent Wisconsin cheeses, and a rather elaborate dessert.

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